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**EXAMINER: P. DUFFY**

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 34-37 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Applicants' attorney, Liza D. Hohenschutz, spoke with Examiner Duffy on April 20 and 21, 1998 regarding claims 34-37 which were added by amendment mailed January 30, 1998. Claims 34-37 are drawn to a purified nucleic acid sequence encoding rat dorsal root ganglia sodium channel, which channel is insensitive to tetrodotoxin, vectors and host cells containing the claimed nucleic acid sequence and methods of producing the claimed sodium channel. Examiner Duffy advised Ms. Hohenschutz that she would not allow the claims 34-37 and that Applicants could elect to reopen prosecution and receive an Office Action relating to those claims or cancel claims 34-37. If the claims were canceled, the application would go